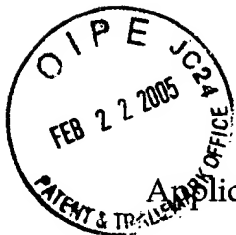


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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on *page 2* of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on *page 6* of this paper.